



PARISHES OF PORTARLINGTON & EMO



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MASS TIMES

St. Michael's Church, Portarlington

10am Daily Mass (Mon. – Fri.)
6.15pm (Vigil – Saturday),
9am & 12.15pm Sunday

St. John's Church, Killenard

10.30am Sunday



MASS TIMES

St. Paul's Church, Emo

7.30pm (Vigil – Saturday),
11am Sunday

Sacred Heart Church, Rath

9am Sunday



SUNDAY 15th MARCH, 2020 - THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR 'A'

PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL WEEKEND MASSES AND ST. PATRICK'S DAY MASSES ARE SUSPENDED.

ANNIVERSARIES - PORTARLINGTON

Mon. 16th Mar. 10am Mass Michael & Gertie Healy and grandson, Michael Healy
Tues. 17th Mar. Adoration 10.30am–7pm
Wed. 18th Mar. 10am Mass
Thur. 19th Mar. 10am Mass
Fri. 20th Mar. 10am Mass

Saturday 14th March – 6.15pm

Donie McDermott, Garryhinch; Hugh, Annie & Mary O'Leary; Seamus Gorry, St. Brigid's Sq; James (Jim) McMahon, St. Michael's Park; Bridie & George Quinn, Bishopswood Rd; Gerard & Margaret Kearney, Drogheda; Patricia Bourke, Emo; Eddie & Margaret Rogers, Main St; Thomas Kennedy, Gracefield; Rosaleen Purcell, Marian Hill; John (Jacko) Roycroft, Bracklone & dec. members of the Roycroft Family; Bridie McEvoy, St. Joseph's Tce.; Fergus Geoghegan, Crowe Lane;

Sunday 15th March – 12.15pm

Tom Gorman, Lea Road (M.M.); Michael (Mick) Knight, Annamoe (3rd Anniv.); John McCowen, Station Rd. (3rd Anniv.); Timothy & Annamaria Garry, Cloneyquinn; Dec. members of the Garry Family, Cloneyquinn; Nancy Delaney, Bracklone St; Sheila & Jimmy Mulhall, Bishopswood; Elizabeth Allen, Bishopswood; John & Eileen Clarke, Marian Hill; Michael O'Neill & Barry O'Neill, St. Brigid's Square

Tuesday 17th March – 12.15pm

Dec. members of Comhaltas, Portarlington; Thomas Carey, St. Brigid's Sq; Tony Ryan, Lea Road; Seamus Gorry, St. Brigid's Sq. (15th Anniv.); Sarah & Leonard McEvoy, Gracefield; Edward & Elizabeth Coogan, Shiphouse; John Kelly; Patrick & Mary Brennan, Derravilla; Kathleen Kelly, Seskin

Saturday 21st March – 6.15pm

Thomas & Margaret Lawlor (2nd Anniv.), Cushina; Margaret Slattery, St. Brigid's Sq. (4th Anniv.); Mary, Joseph & Terence Maguire; Maura & Patrick Williams; Bill & Sheila Fingleton, Patrick St; their Son, Paul Fingleton & dec. members of the Prenderville Family; Michael Murphy, St. Michael's Park

Sunday 22nd March – 12.15pm

Julia Horan, Church View; Nixon Shaw, Patrick St. (3rd Anniv.); Frank Shaw, England (6th Anniv.); Dec. members of the Shaw family; Patricia Murray, Cushina; Chris & Peg Maher, St. Mary's Tce.

ANNIVERSARIES - EMO

Saturday 14th March – 7.30pm

Attracta Kelly, Ballybrittas
Helena & James Connolly, Killimy

Sunday 15th March – 11am

Christina Walsh (3rd Anniv.) & her daughter Julian, Knightstown; Tom Delaney, New Inn; Thomas Carroll, New Inn

Saturday 21st March – 7.30pm

Colette Coonan (nee Dowling), Kilmainham, Mountmellick; John & Ellen Deegan, Limetree; Rose Deegan, Limetree;

Mick (Michael) Fenlon, Ballybrittas

Sunday 22nd March – 11am

Betty Doonan, Bellgrove; Christopher & Annie Lawlor; William, Noel, Colm & Patrick Lawlor; James O'Connor; Thomas O'Connor, Woodbrook

ANNIVERSARIES - RATH

Sunday 22nd March – 9am

Mary Bradshaw (nee Donohoe), Jamestown
Mary Patricia Duffy, Ballintogher

ANNIVERSARIES - KILLENARD

Sunday 15th March – 10.30am

John Tynan, Springfield (7th Anniv.)
Joseph & Maureen Hickey, sons John & Joseph Hickey, Braemer House, Portarlington;
John McEvoy, Trim, brother Pat McEvoy & parents Patrick & Kate McEvoy;
John & Lilie Tynan, Old Pound; Stephen & Josephine Kiernan; Marie Ryan

Tuesday 17th March – 10.30am

John Davis, Old Pound
Alan Donnelly, Killenard

† DECEASED †

Prayers are requested for the following who died during the week:-

Edward (Ned) Carroll, Killimy Road, Emo
Sean Clancy, Portlaoise, formerly St. Patrick's Tce., Portarlington
Edward (Freddy) Dunne, Ballymorris

✠ BAPTISM ✠

We welcome into the Christian Community through Baptism

PORTARLINGTON PARISH

*Kai Gapys-Cala, NaCluainte
Evie Nancy Kennington, Main Street*

FIRST PENANCE

First Penance for the First Holy Communion children from Sacred Heart N.S., Rath and St. Paul's N.S., Emo has been postponed until further notice.

MESSAGE FROM BISHOP DENIS

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, It is the case, as we are hearing in all media outlets, that gatherings are being greatly restricted. There will be many enquiries regarding Sunday Mass. In order to follow the guidelines and adhere to the norms, I have reluctantly decided that because it is simply not possible to guarantee a congregation of less than 100 people at any Sunday Mass there will be no public Masses in our Diocese this Sunday, St Patrick's Day or the following Sunday.

Masses will be celebrated via webcam from a number of parishes in the Diocese. We will publish these details tomorrow. I strongly urge the use of webcam and local radio broadcasts and RTÉ services also, to encourage the faithful to enter into spiritual communion through these means.

It is strange that at a time when we are being invited to pull together as a people and as a diocese the wisdom of staying apart and following health authority guidelines is of the utmost importance. I am also very conscious that this is a time when there is a great need for prayer, and I welcome the fact that all our churches will be open for quiet prayer and reflection. Funerals, baptisms & weddings may continue, again adhering to the norms set out below.

*An Act of Spiritual Communion
My Jesus, I believe that You
are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment
receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already
there and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from
You. Amen.*

It is imperative that we care for the more vulnerable amongst us, and care for ourselves at this time.

Every blessing +Denis

PORTARLINGTON LOURDES

PILGRIMAGE

The 2020 Pilgrimage will take place from **7th August 2020 for 7 nights**. Full board Hotel Solitude. For booking & details contact Marie 087 7589896 / Vera 087 9311813 or any member of the Committee.

ST. PAUL'S L.G.F.A.

St Paul's LGFA Sponsored Walk is taking place today (Sun. 15th March), at 12 noon starting in Emo GAA Field. Please bring all cards back on the day. Membership is now due please contact Peadar O Toole (086) 252 2768.

EMO / RATH LOTTO 9th March 2020

Numbers 11, 12, 17, 24 – No Jackpot winner. €25 to each of the following:-
Hilary Lawlor C/o Hilary;
Madelaine Murphy C/o Parish office;
Liam Og Lynch C/o Emo Shop;
Millie Murphy, Bellgrove;
Elizabeth Flynn C/o Maeve
Next week's Jackpot €6,800

UPCOMING EVENTS MT. ST. ANNE'S

LENTEN PRAYER EVENINGS

Thursday 19th March, 26th March
& 2nd April at Mount St. Anne's, Killenard
Commencing 8pm.

Theme: Next Sunday's Readings

Join us for these evenings of prayer and meditation using the readings of the following Sunday. You can come for one evening or all five if you wish. All very welcome.

Contact Catherine on 057-8626153 for the full Programme of Events in Mount St. Anne's or check out: www.mountstannes.com

ST. BRIGID'S SOCIAL CLUB

Social Dance on Sat. 21st March in Garryhinch Hall. All proceeds go to "Do it for Dan Fund". Music by Geraldine & Kinfolk. Admission €10. Refreshments will be served. Dancing 9.30-12.30am. Please support this great cause

TRAMPOLINE CLASSES

Taking place in Garryhinch Community Centre on Mon. 16th March at 7pm. Children aged 5 and up & adults. Admission €5 child / €10 adult
Beginners & advanced welcome.

TOMMY RYAN MEMORIAL ROAD RUN

The 10th Annual Charity Run is
Cancelled for 2020.

O'DEMPSEY'S G.A.A.

Lotto Results 09/03/2020.

Numbers: 05,12,17,25. No Jackpot winner.

Match 3 winners Dave Ryan, Eamonn Fitzpatrick, Aaron Gallagher, Eabha & Seanan Fitzpatrick. Promoter - Ballybrittas S.S. Next week's Jackpot: €3,800. Thanks for your continued support of our weekly Lotto.

QPR Training

O'Dempsey's, in collaboration with Scoil Naomh Eoin, Banríon Gaels & St Conleths will host accredited QPR training on Sat. 21st March in the clubhouse. This new initiative is aimed at raising awareness and identifying mental health issues in our community. QPR (Question, Persuade, Refer) is a life skill that everyone should have which helps identify if someone may be suicidal and how to act, what to say, what not to say and how to offer the support they need. The training is open to all adults (over 18). Attendees do not need to be a member of any of the clubs and the €10 charge is a donation to the Talk to Tom charity. Taking place from 10am until 4pm
on Saturday 21st March, lunch will be provided and we encourage everyone to attend.
Bookings can be made via:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/killenard-qpr-suicide-prevention-training-tickets>

PORTARLINGTON TENNIS CLUB

Station Road, Portarlinton

Adult Social Tennis has now resumed every Thursday at 8pm (weather permitting). All levels welcome

ST. PATRICK'S BREASTPLATE

**Christ be with me,
Christ be beside me,
Christ be behind me,
Christ be at my right hand,
Christ be at my left hand,
Christ be with me
wherever I go,
Christ be my friend
for ever and ever. Amen**

YOU SHALL BE MY WITNESSES

CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME

The You Shall Be My Witnesses Confirmation Programme is postponed until further notice.

DIGGING DEEPER - LIVING LENT

Some suggestions for the week:

Persevere in your chosen resolutions for Lent & remember their purpose is to bring you closer to God.

Get some holy water for your home and use it as you come and go to bless yourself.

Reflect on the works of mercy & choose one or two to practice this week.

Use the Trocaire prayer to pray for rain where there is drought in the world. See kandle.ie for the text of the prayer.

Go for a walk, contemplate the beauty of God's creation.

Do a Friday penance.

Find ways to conserve & reduce your use of water in the home. See water.ie/conserve for easy tips that go a long way!

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION LENT 2020

Eucharistic Adoration will be held each Sunday afternoon during Lent in St. Michael's Church, Portarlinton from 3pm – 5pm. All very welcome to attend. Adoration will also take place on Tuesday (St. Patrick's Day) from 10.30am-7pm

A CORONAVIRUS PRAYER

Loving & healing God,

we, the people of Kildare & Leighlin turn to you in prayer, confident that you are with us & with all people in every moment. We stand before you as people of hope, trusting in your care & protection. May your faithful love support us & soothe the anxiety of our hearts.

Generous God,

fill us with compassion & concern for others, young & old, that we may look after one another in these challenging days. Bring healing to those who are sick with the virus & be with their families. May those who have died rest in your eternal embrace. Comfort their family & friends. Strengthen & protect all medical professionals caring for the sick & all who work in our medical facilities. Give wisdom to leaders in healthcare & governance that they may make the right decisions for the well-being of people. We pray in gratitude for all those in our country who will continue to work in the days ahead in so many fields of life for the sake of us all. Bless them & keep them safe.

O' God of creation & life,

we place ourselves in your protection. May the mantle of your peace enfold us this day & tomorrow. St. Brigid, pray for us. St. Conleth, pray for us. St. Lazerian, pray for us. May all the saints of God, pray for us. AMEN

GET INTO GOLF WOMEN'S PROGRAMME

Information Evening: Tues. 24th March at Portarlinton Golf Club 8pm. Programme Starts Tues 31st 6.30 -7.30pm & 7.30-8.30. 8 Week programme, 4 lessons with PGA Pro and 4 weeks on course scramble with Lady Members. Cost €80. **Only 24 places available**
For more information contact : Mary Foy
Phone: 083 1846539 or email maryfoy@live.ie

CARER AVAILABLE

Kind, caring lady available to care for elderly person. 2/3 days per week. Broad experience & excellent references.
Phone 087-1480551.

EMO 2020 - PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

Four nights from Mon. 3rd August – Home Fri. 7th August. Hotel Astrid. €589 per person sharing. If interest in travelling with this pilgrimage contact Tony on 086-1225833 or Deirdre on 087-2299457.

COURTWOOD G.A.A.

The club lotto continues weekly and the jackpot is fast approaching €15,000. Tickets are available from Donohers and the Final Furlong. Thanks are extended to everyone who supported the recent €130 draw. Best of luck to all involved. Club activities continue as normal this week, but are subject to change at short notice, as we will follow advice on the current virus situation. #doitfordan is a fund raising initiative, to help get necessary medical assistance to save a young local boys life. Please support as generously and as often as you can afford. Together as a community we can save this boy's life.

LAOIS ALZHEIMER'S SOCIETY

Laois Alzheimer's Society Resource Centre at 47 Main Street Portlaoise is open Monday to Friday 9am-5pm.

Due to Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Social Club and support group is cancelled for the month of March. For any information on dementia contact Ann Munnely on 057 866 3398 / 086 8372168 Home-care Co-ordinator Email amunnely@alzheimier.ie
The Alzheimer Society of Ireland National Helpline 1800 341 341.
Email amunnely@alzheimier.ie

GRACEFIELD G.A.A. LOTTO RESULTS

Jackpot €7400 - Numbers 15;3,12,9

No winners. Winners of €50: George Doody, Joe Keegan, Ronan Walsh, John & Ursula(C/o Hawthorn), Finty Maher
Promoters Prize: Debbie Scully
Next week's jackpot €7,600

ST. CONLETH'S GAELIC FOR MOTHER'S & OTHERS

Are you looking to get out and make some new friends in the Portarlinton / Killenard / Ballybrittas / Emo area? While getting some exercise at the same time? We are a group of women, aged from 25 up to 40's (there's no age limit), who meet every Wednesday night for football and most importantly, a bit of craic.

Experience is absolutely NOT essential. It's all about the fun and not to forget the tea (and maybe a bun) afterwards! Starting back on 18th March at 8.15pm in Portarlinton Community Centre with a bit of a kick around and a chat. We'll be starting back on the pitch the

following Wednesday night and each Wednesday after that. If this is something that you're interested in, please come along next Wednesday 18th. We promise that you'll enjoy it! *Please note that there is a minimum of 25 years of age to play G4MO within the rules of the LGFA.

MEDJUGOEJE GROUP PILGRIMAGE

22nd – 29th July 2020

Direct Flight To Mostar reduces journey by 3 hours. Cost €695. Accompanied by Fr. Sean Hyland as Spiritual Director. Contact Michael Nerney 086-8157305 for booking.